

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace page 24, lines 12-20 with the following paragraph:

When the scheduling is initiated in response to a depression of the schedule start button 10b shown in Fig. 5 or in accordance with an instruction from a timer, as shown in Fig. 15, the scheduling for the latest-group, or the ~~first-latter~~ half processes which are terminated ~~before~~after the machine plate making processes are started (up to the under edition point), is instructed to the schedule engine (a step S11). Thus, the latest-scheduling is initiated (a step S12).

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 27 and 28 with the following paragraph:

Thus, when the “latest” scheduling is terminated, the process returns to the step S13 in Fig. 15. Then, the scheduling for the fastest-group, or the ~~latter~~first half processes which are started ~~after~~before the machine plate making processes are started (up to the under edition point), is instructed to the schedule engine 42 (a step S13). Thus, the fastest-scheduling is initiated (a step S14).